विवरण—जारी

1	2	3	4
केरल	8.1	7.5	6.0
मध्य प्रदेश	46.2	52.0	49.0
महाराष्ट्र	453.3	403.8	344.0
उड़ीसा	42.5	42.5	65.0
पंजाब	109.0	112.0	97.0
राजस्थान	31.2	24.3	21.0
तमिलनाडु	238.0	231.0	262.0
त्रिपुरा	1.6	1.5	
उत्तर प्रदेश	1932.6	1857.2	1774.0
पश्चिम बंगाल	17.0	15.4	10.0
अन्य	12.6	12.9	15.0
अखिल भारत	3844.4	3617.5	3167.0

Production of honey

1496. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the programme of production and development of honey ha:, been transferred to the Ministry of Agricul ,urc;

(b) whether it is a fact that Governmen[1] had set up a board known as Honey Bee Bpard, if so. what is the allocation for the functioning of the Board;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop import of Italian species of honey bees, to improve the production of honey;

(d) whether Government have ascertained the areas with environmental and climatic similarities which are conductive to the imported species; and

(e) what plans the Government have made to improve indigenous species to improve the production of honey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir. The Ministry have recently launched a scheme on development of bee-keeping for improving crop productivity.

(b) Yes, Sir. A Bee-keeping Development Board has been constituted by the Government to coordinate, sponsor and monitor programmes for promotion of bee-keeping. No separate financial allocation ha s been made for the Board.

(c)and (d) No, Sir. The Italian Honey ber (Apis mcllifcivi) queen/colonies were imported and successfully established during *l9Uh.* Any future imports shall be decided after-taking into consideration the need and nsks of disease/enemies involved in import.

(e) The scheme on bee-keeping provides support for research and development activi-i'or improving production of honey by different bee species/strains including iiide-geaous species.

Hatchery units in G.ijarat

1497. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

hether Government propose to consider the setting up of hatchery units of suitable capacity in Gujarat for promoting the acqua-culture;

(b) whether Government are aware that Gujarat has the highest marine fish landing; and

(c) whether Central Government will consi. der shifting the headquarters of national institutions involved in fisheries survey, research and development in the State ?